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Dear Mr. Hall,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 27th, for the tape of the Nelson interview and for the transcription of it.

At 79 and in impaired health I try to respond to each day's mail as soon as it gets here to avpid accumulations. So, without now having the time to listen to or at this moment even to read the interview, I want to thank you for them before there is any possibility of your kind letter getting lost in one of the many stacks on my desk.

I suggest that you build no hopes on either the disclosure of a large number of sealed files or what they may hold. The crime itself was never investigated so there is no smoking gun that remains hidden.

Stone has lied his head off about these allegedly sealed files to promote himself and his movie, to the end that whatx would have been disclosed easily, the records generated by the House assassins committee, which required only the passing of a simple resolution by the House itself, is not bogged down perhaps terminally with his demand for the records of the executive agencies some of which ought not be released, and with the administrations refusal to consider disclosure of what is classified. The bill is already snagged and it requires no only the concurrence of both Houses but Bush's signature, which is not likely.

Stone is exploiting and commercializing the assassination as a vehicle for arguing w what he wanted to say about Viet Nam. He has gone for all the nutty theories and the film itself is a big lie because he said it was non-fiction, his recording of our history. He has stayed away from fact like it would kill him.

I did not catch Crenshaw on 20/20 but I've read and have a low opinion of his book. Aside from his obeervations, which may or may not have been hisx but in any event are not new, all he has in the book is nutty assassination misinformation mixed in with a smidgeon of fact plus the sensational claim that LBJ called him. I do not believe that and a check of the LBJ phone logs discloses no such call.

Fletcher Prouty is a friend but he gets carried away sometimes. There is nothing to his belief that he was sent to the South Pole so he could not prevent the assassination, which he could not have done in any event, and he is just wrong on what he said he saw in the New Zealand paper. It was the next day. I presume these are what you had in mind.

Again thanks and best wishes,

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